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LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 8, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, GEORGE STREET, 30, Cornhill. GORDON & GOSCH, Ludgate Circus, E. C. BATES, BERNY & Co., 4, Old Jewry, E. C. SAMUEL DRAGON & Co., 160 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 133, Nassau Street.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GOSCH, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO.—American Ports generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

CHINA.—SHANTON, QUEEN & CAMPBELL, Agents, WILSON, NICHOLLS & Co., Fooking, HONG & Co., Shanghai.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., and KELLY & WATSON, Manila, C. HENRIKSEN & Co., Macao, L. A. DA SILVA.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

LAND AND PROPERTY.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on

SATURDAY,

the 10th March, 1877, at Noon, on the Premises (unless previously disposed of by Private Sale).—

A Portion of that Piece or Parcel of GROUND, registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 174, abutting on the North side thereof on a Close registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 170, and measuring thereon forty-five feet, on the South side on the remaining portion of Inland Lot No. 174 and measuring thereon forty-five feet, and on the West side thereof on Staveley Street and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, and measuring thereon twenty-nine feet, which said Piece or Parcel of Ground contains in the whole 1317 square feet and is known as No. 3 Peel Street, together with the three-storyed TENEMENT OR DWELLING HOUSE erected thereon.

Annual Crown Rent, \$15.56.

TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser.

The Property to be at Purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

For further Particulars, apply to

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Auctioneers.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl0

POSTPONEMENT OF SALE.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from Rev. R. H. KIDD to sell by Public Auction, on

MONDAY,

the 12th day of March, 1877, at 2 o'clock p.m. (instead of the time previously advertised), at his Residence, Albany Road.—

The whole of his Household FURNITURE, &c., comprising:—Drawing, Dining and Bedroom Suites, Sofas, Chairs, Easy Chairs, Mirrors, Tables, Pictures, Sideboard, Whatnots, Glass and Plated Ware, Crockery Ware, Bedsteads, Wardrobes, Toilet Tables and Glass, Washstands, &c., &c.

Catalogues will be issued, and the whole to be on view on and after Saturday, the 10th March.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7. All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, February 26, 1877. mcl2

Notice of Firms.

NOTICE.

MR. FERDINAND NISSEN has been compelled to retire from our Firm in consequence of failing health, and his interest and responsibility ceased on the 31st December last.

MR. NICOLAUS AUGUST RIEBS has been authorized to sign for us by Procuration. We have this day reopened a branch of our Firm at Canton.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, January 1, 1877. ap2

VICTORIA DISPENSARY.

ON and after the 16th day of November, 1876, and until further notice, the BUSINESS of the above-named DISPENSARY will be carried on by the Undersigned.

WM. CRICKSHANK, Manager.

Hongkong, November 21, 1876.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

WE have been appointed AGENTS for the AMERICAN SHIPMASTERS' ASSOCIATION.

ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.

Hongkong, February 2, 1877. ap2

NOTICE.

THE Partnership hitherto existing between the Undersigned under the name of MESTERN & HULSE has this day been dissolved by lapse of time, and the signature of the Firm will henceforth be used for the Liquidation only.

C. J. MESTERN, W. HULSE.

Canton, December 31, 1876. ap2

Intimations.

PARTIES having left some Luggage are requested to take delivery of same as soon as convenient, but not later than the 31st March next. After this date they will be sold by Auction; the Amount realized will be paid to the credit of their account with the Hotel.

V. FAYRE, Proprietor, Hotel de l'Univers.

Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl2

NOTICE.

THE Undersigned have this day CLOSED their PHOTOGRAPHIC ROOMS and ceased to carry on Business. Creditors are requested to send in their Claims for payment not later than the 15th Instant. Those indebted to us will oblige by an early settlement.

HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877. mcl2

ERNEST WASSILL & Co., PHOTOGRAPHERS.

I HAVE This Day Established myself as PHOTOGRAPHER at the Corner of Wyndham and Wellington Streets, at the Building lately occupied by the HONGKONG PHOTOGRAPHIC CO., under the above Style.

ERNEST WASSILL.

Hongkong, March 3, 1877. ap1

L OST, at the Tarantula Calico Ball, a FINE WHITE BRAMPOOR CHUDDAH SHAWL, Double Size, no mark in either Corner. The shawl taken in mistake has mark "R E" in Yellow Silk in one Corner. The Lady will oblige by Returning it to the CLICs PORTER, when her own will be restored.

Hongkong, March 3, 1877. mcl7

HONGKONG.

Oh. J. GAUPP & Co., WATCHMAKERS & JEWELLERS, 38, Queen's Road, NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHRONOMETERS, &c., &c., &c., Carefully Repaired, Cleaned and accurately rated under guarantee.

All Repairs in the above line done at reasonable rates and with despatch.

Hongkong, May 1, 1876. tl.

AFONG, PHOTOGRAPHER, by appointment, to H. E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY, GOVERNOR OF HONGKONG, and to H. I. H. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS OF RUSSIA.

Wyndham Street, formerly ATHLETIC CLUB.

HAS on hand the Largest and Best collection of Views of China, Photographs Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of topographic Albums, Frames, Cases, &c., of C. D. V. size to life size and coloured in oil. A new apparatus for Photography has been received from England; he is prepared to take Photos. of Buildings and Interiors at the shortest distance.

Hongkong, July 17, 1876.

MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, PENANG.

THE Municipal Commissioners of Penang are desirous of receiving DESIGNS for a TOWN HALL. This Building is to be erected on the ground on the east side of the Kaplanade situated between the latter and Duke Street, and its cost is not to exceed \$30,000.

The Commissioners offer a PREMIUM of \$400 for the best and most suitable Design with Specifications; and competitors have the option of forwarding tenders for carrying out the work.

The Designs, accompanied with all documents, are to be sent to the Municipal Office Penang on or before the 1st of March next.

For further information apply to the Secretary to the Municipal Commissioners at Penang.

D. C. PRESGRAVE, Municipal Secretary.

Penang, The 21st September, 1876.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & Co.

ARE NOW LANDING AN INVOICE OF

ROUYER GILLET & Co.'s

CELEBRATED BRANDY.

This BRANDY is well known in England, the Colonies, and India.

The Firm possess Six Vineyards and Six Distilleries, and are amongst the largest shippers from Charente.

Qualities One *, Two **, Three ***, and Four **** in Cases of One Dozen Quarts.

Also, POMMERY & GRENOS

"Extra Sec." CHAMPAGNE,

in Quarts and Pints.

As supplied to the principal London Clubs.

Hongkong, January 5, 1877. [ap5]

THE MEDICAL HALL, 37, Queen's Road, Hongkong. ESTABLISHED 1858. TH. KOFFER, Proprietor. Hongkong, April 28, 1876. ap23

NAVAL & MILITARY ATHLETIC SPORTS.

WITH Kind Permission of H. E. Major-General the Hon. Sir F. COLBORNE, K.C.B., and H. E. the Vice-Admiral RYDER, and under the Patronage of H. E. the Governor Sir ARTHUR KENNEDY, K.C.M.G., C.B., H. E. Vice-Admiral RYDER, and H. E. Major-General the Hon. Sir F. COLBORNE, K.C.B.

The above Sports will be held ON THE CRICKET GROUND, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, 9th & 10th March, 1877.

COMMITTEE: Commodore G. W. WATSON, President. Lt. Col. G. A. S. DICKENS, Vice-President. 28th Regt., &c., &c., &c.

MEMBERS: Commander A. L. DOUGLAS, R.N. H. SALMOND, R.N. Lieut. W. S. P. GRAVES, R.N. F. E. O. GORDON, R.N. F. O. PIKE, R.N. Lieut. Col. HALL, R.A. Major BURTON, R.A. Dep. Com. BAKER, Comm. Dept. Asst. KERRAGHAN, Ord. Dept. Dr. WILSON, Medical Dept. W. HYNES, Esq.

PROGRAMME: 1.—100 Yards Flat Race. 2.—440 Yards Flat Race. 3.—880 Yards Flat Race. 4.—1 Mile Flat Race, Open. 5.—1 Mile Flat Race, Open to Men of the Garrison. 6.—1 Mile Flat Race, Open to Sailors and Marines. 7.—2 Miles Flat Race. 8.—High Jump. 9.—Wide Jump. 10.—120 Yards Hurdles.—10 Flights. 11.—Boys' Race.—220 Yards Flat Race. 12.—Veteran Race.—300 Yards Flat Race. For Men of 17 Years Service and Over. 13.—200 Yards Flat Race.—Heavy Marching Order.—Open to Soldiers and Marines. 14.—300 Yards Flat Race.—Heavy Marching Order.—Open to Blue Jackets. 15.—Three-Legged Race. 16.—Wheel Barrow Race. 17.—Water Bucket Race. 18.—Throwing the Cricket Ball. 19.—Putting the Shot. 20.—Throwing the Hammer. 21.—Sack Race. 22.—Tug of War. 23.—800 Yards Flat Race.—Open to Foreign Men of War. 24.—Consolation Race. 25.—Tug of War.—Open to a Single Team from the Army, Blue Jackets and Marines, and Dock-Yard Employes. 26.—1 Mile Flat Race.—Open to Officers of the Army and Navy, and Members of the Hongkong and German Clubs. 27.—120 Yards Hurdles.—Open to Officers of the Army and Navy, and Members of the Hongkong and German Clubs.

Victims are particularly requested not to pass under the ropes; a Grand Stand will be erected for their accommodation. The First Race to be started at 1 o'clock punctually.

R. S. F. WALKER, 23ra Road, Hon. Secretary.

MURRAY BARRACKS, Hongkong, March 1, 1877. mcl0

NAVAL CONTRACT, 1877-8. SEALED TENDERS, in duplicate, will be received by the Undersigned, until noon on THURSDAY, the 15th March, 1877, from Persons desirous of SUPPLYING the following ARTICLES for the use of H. M. Navy for the year 1877-8, viz.:— FRESH BEEF, RAISINS, FRESH VEGETABLES, WATER, RICE, SOFT BREAD, SUGAR, BISCUIT, TEA. Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the Naval Storekeeper's Office. The right to reject the lowest or any tender is reserved.

J. BRENNER, Storekeeper.

H. M. Victualling Yard, Hongkong, February 28, 1877. mcl6

WANTED. A DISPENSER. APPLY BY LETTER ONLY. Address: "K." c/o the China Mail Office. Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

NOTICE. LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT INSURANCE CO. THE BUSINESS of this COMPANY has This Day been Transferred to THE MARINE INSURANCE CO., of 20, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON. By Order of the Proprietors, WILLIAM HUNT, Secretary.

137, Leadenhall Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877.

THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. 20, Old Broad Street, LONDON, 1st January, 1877. ESTABLISHED 1836. CAPITAL, £1,000,000 STERLING. RESERVE FUND, £240,000.

WITH Reference to the foregoing Advertisement THE MARINE INSURANCE CO. has This Day taken over the Business of the LONDON & ORIENTAL STEAM TRANSPORT CO., and has Appointed Mr. A. MOYER as its AGENT in Hongkong.

By Order of the Board of Directors, ROBERT J. LODGE, Manager.

THE Undersigned is prepared to Accept Risks and issue Policies on behalf of the MARINE INSURANCE CO. by any First Class Steamer.

A. MOYER, Agent of the Marine Insurance Co. of London.

Hongkong, February 16, 1877. mcl1

NOTICE. NEITHER Captain FORBES nor the AGENTS or OWNERS of the American Barque "GABRIELLI" will be RESPONSIBLE for any DEBTS contracted by the Crew.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

EXPOSITION UNIVERSELLE 1876.

THE CONSUL for FRANCE has the honour to inform those Persons who wish to take part in the intended Exhibition, that they will find at the Consulate all Information and Particulars they may require.

For the Consul, G. BOULOUZE, Vice-Consul.

Hongkong, December 15, 1876.

Intimations.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending on 30th December last, at the rate of One Pound Sterling (£1) per share of £125, is PAYABLE on and after THURSDAY, the 15th Instant, at the offices of the Corporation, where Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors, THOMAS JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

W. BALL, CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' Sundries, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG, Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 13, 1876.

Bank.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, £5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, £600,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—H. HOPKINS, Esq. Deputy Chairman—F. D. BARBOON, Esq.

AD. ARDAM, Esq. A. MOYER, Esq. E. R. BELLING, Esq. S. W. POMEROY, Esq. Hon. W. KESWICK. ED. TOBIN, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.

Hongkong, THOMAS JACKSON, Esq. Manager.

Shanghai, EWEN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Accounts at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:— For 3 months, 2 per cent. per annum. " 6 " 4 per cent. " " " 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation, No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 15, 1876.

Shipping.

Steamers.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCOW.

The Steamship "YESSO," Captain PUNCHARD, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Inst., at Daylight.

For Freight or Passage, apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl7

FOR AMOY.

The Steamship "ESMERALDA," Capt. TREBAUD, will be despatched for the above Port on THURSDAY, the 8th Instant, at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to A. MACG. HEATON, Agent.

Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl8

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "TANAIS," Comdt. REYNIER, will be despatched for YOKOHAMA shortly after the arrival of the next French Mail.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 4, 1877.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Company's Steamship "FELIX," Comdt. LECOUTRE, will be despatched for SHANGHAI shortly after her arrival from Europe.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877.

Shipping.

Sailing Vessels.

FOR NEW YORK.

The A 1 American Ship "McNEAR," W. TAYLOR, Master, will load here, and will have quick dispatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR NEW YORK.

The 12 years S/S L. 1. 1. Danabark "KORSON," L. C. GROVE, Master, will load here, and will have immediate dispatch as above.

For Freight, apply to VOGEL, HAGEDORN & Co.

Hongkong, February 15, 1877.

FOR LONDON.

A 1 British Ship "STAR OF CHINA," BLAKEB, Master, will load here, and will have immediate dispatch as above.

For Freight, apply to MEYER & Co.

Hongkong, February 5, 1877.

FOR MELBOURNE & SYDNEY.

The British Ship "SPIRIT OF THE AGE," Captain JOHNSON, will have a quick dispatch for the above Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to ROZARIO & Co.

Hongkong, February 1, 1877.

FOR YLOILO.

The A 1 Spanish Schooner "UNION," MENDOZA Y VARELA, Master, will have quick dispatch as above.

For Freight or Passage, apply to REMEDIOS & Co.

Hongkong, February 28, 1877.

Notices to Consignees.

GERMAN STEAMER HESPERIA, JOHANNSEN, Master, FROM HAMBURG AND LONDON via SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Undersigned, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 12th Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless notice to the contrary is given until Noon This Day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. POSTAU & Co.

Hongkong, March 5, 1877. mcl2

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUEY, Agent.

Ex Adm, January 11th, 1877.

THC No. 1/2, 2 cases Stores.

FOR SALE.

CUTLER, PALMER & Co's
Celebrated
Brands of WINES and SPIRITS.
Apply to
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, June 25, 1876.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE
CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I,
A to K, with Introduction. Royal 8vo.,
pp. 202.—By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D.
Tübingen.
Price: Two Dollars and a Half.
To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD
& Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs
KELLY & WALSH, Shanghai.
Hongkong, February 8, 1877.

FOR SALE.

CHAMPAGNE, 1874.
HEIDENRICH & Co., MONOPOLY.
DIETZEN & Co.
Hongkong, February 19, 1877. molb

NOW READY.

THE SHUI, or, THE FUNDAMENTALS OF
NATURAL SCIENCE IN CHINA. By Dr.
E. J. EITEL. One Volume. 8vo. Price,
\$1.50.

BUDDHISM, ITS HISTORY, THEORY AND
POPULAR RELIGION, in three Lectures.
By Dr. E. J. EITEL. Second Edition. One
Volume. 8vo. Price, \$1.50.

Orders will be received by Messrs LANE,
Crawford & Co.
Hongkong, July 31, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

*Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for any
Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew
of the following Vessels, during their stay
in Hongkong Harbour:*

STAR OF CHINA, British ship, Captain E.
B. Baker.—Douglas Lapraik & Co.
NEHEMIAH GIBSON, American barque,
Captain D. Bradford.—Arnold, Karberg
& Co.
BONITO, German barque, Captain J. F.
Wessenberg.—Siemsen & Co.
ALDEN BESS, American barque, Captain
A. Meyer.—Rosato & Co.
TYBURNIA, British ship, Captain Robt.
Golden.—Meyer & Co.
FORKHOA, German 5-m. schooner, Capt.
G. Schwen.—Melchers & Co.
WATKINS MINSTER, British barque,
Captain Wm. Sivewright.—Siemsen & Co.
MYSTIC BELLE, American ship, Captain
David Palmer.—Siemsen & Co.
ORANGE GROVE, British barque, Captain
A. Longmuir.—Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.
ROSENA, American 3-m. schooner, Capt.
C. W. Hansen.—Arnold, Karberg & Co.
TULLOCHGROVE, British schooner, Capt.
S. Masson.—Chinese.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI.

The Steamship
"HESPERIA,"
Captain JOHANNSEN, will be
despatched for the above Port
on THURSDAY, the 8th inst., at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
Wm. POSTAU & Co.,
Agts.
Hongkong, March 6, 1877. molb

FOR COOKTOWN.

The British Steamship
"THALES,"
Captain COLE, will load here
for the above Port, and will
leave on FRIDAY, the 9th inst., at 2 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
HOP KEE & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1877. molb

FOR SWATOW, AMOY, & FOCHOW.

The Steamship
"LEONOR,"
Captain M. Young, will be de-
spatched for the above Ports
on SUNDAY, the 11th inst., at Day-
light.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 6, 1877. molb

GENERAL WEEKLY SALE.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. will roll
by Public Auction, in their Sale
Room, Praya Central,
FRIDAY,
the 9th March, 1877, at Noon,—

An Invoice of Ladies' and Gentlemen's
Silk Umbrellas, Fashionable Perfumery
in Cases, Toilet Soap, Cologne Water,
Violet Powder, Table Cutlery, Cork-
screws, Towels, Crystal Flower Stands,
Japanese Toys,
12 cases Soda Crystals,
50 cases Gin, Cook mark.
Sundry Stationery.
Huntley and Palmer's Biscuits.
Hair and Wire Tube Brushes.

And,
An Invoice of R. Brown & Co.'s
Paints, comprising: Red Paint, Black
Paint, White Lead, and White Zinc.
TAKEN on SALE.—Cash before delivery
in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.
The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors
of description, at purchaser's risk on the
fall of the hammer.
Hongkong, March 6, 1877. molb

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

March 6, Ningpo, British steamer, from
Canton.
March 6, Nornia, British steamer, 606,
A. G. Walker, Swatow March 8, General.
Kwok Ah KONG.
March 6, Macgregor, British steamer,

1480, F. Newall, London Jan. 3, via ports
of call, and Singapore Feb. 25, General.—
GILMAN & Co.

DEPARTURES.

Mar. 5, Edinburgh, to repair cable.
5, Cyphrenes, for Saigon.
6, Onward, for Whampoa.
6, Francois I., for Saigon.
6, Ningpo, for Saigon.

CLEARED.

Yesso, for Swatow, &c.
Glamorganshire, for Bangkok.
Rajanattianuhar, for Bangkok.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Nornia, from Swatow, Capt. Conner,
and 150 Chinese.
Per Macgregor, from Singapore, &c., 15
Chinese.

DEPARTED.
Per Ningpo, for Saigon, 40 Chinese.
TO DEPART.
Per Yesso, for Swatow, &c., 4 Europeans
and 150 Chinese.
Per Glamorganshire, for Bangkok, 2
Chinese.
Per Rajanattianuhar, for Bangkok, 80
Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer Nornia reports:
Moderate N.E. winds and fine weather
throughout.
The British steamer Macgregor reports:
Strong N.E. winds from Singapore to ar-
rival.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For AMOY.—
Per ESERALDA, at 1.30 p.m., on
Thursday, the 8th inst.

For SHANGHAI.—
Per HESPERIA, at 2.30 p.m., on
Thursday, the 8th inst.

For COOKTOWN.—
Per THALES, at 1.30 p.m., on Friday,
the 9th inst. The usual Mails will be
also made up for E. Australia,
Tasmania and New Zealand, 8 cent
rates.

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.

The French Contract Packet TIGRE,
will be despatched on THURSDAY,
the 8th March, with
Mails to and through the United
Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles;
to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galles,
Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta,
Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexan-
dria.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 7th March.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post
Office closes except the NEWS Box,
which remains open all night.

Thursday, 8th March.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Registry of Letters closes.

11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters.

11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only)
addressed to the United Kingdom,
Saigon, or Singapore may be posted
on payment of a Late Fee of 15 cents
extra postage, until
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

Hongkong, February 24, 1877. molb

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.

The English Contract Packet TRAFAN-
COKE will be despatched with the
Mails for Europe, &c., on THURSDAY,
the 15th inst.

The following will be the hours of closing
the Mails, &c.:—

Wednesday, 14th.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.

6 p.m., Post Office closes except the NEWS
Box, which remains open all night.

Thursday, 15th.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of
Stamps, Registry of Letters, and
Posting of all correspondence.

10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late
Letters. Registry of Letters closes.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with
Late Fee of 15 cents extra
to Postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes
entirely.

11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only,
addressed to the United Kingdom
via Brindley or to Singapore, may
be posted on board the Packet with
Late Fee of 45 cents extra postage,
till
11.60 a.m., when the Mail is finally
closed.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877. molb

General Memoranda.

THURSDAY, March 8.—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of
Call and Europe.
2 p.m.—Esmeralda leaves for Amoy.
3 p.m.—Hesperia leaves for Shanghai.

FRIDAY, March 9.—
Noon.—General Weekly Sale by Messrs
Lane, Crawford & Co.
2 p.m.—Thales leaves for Cooktown.

SATURDAY, March 10.—
Noon.—Sale of Ground and Property in
Peel Street.

SUNDAY, March 11.—
Daylight.—Leonor leaves for Coast Ports.

MONDAY, March 12.—
2 p.m.—Sale of Household Furniture, at
Rev. R. H. Kidd's Residence, Albany
Road.
Goods per Hesperia undelivered after this
date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, March 15.—
Noon.—Naval Contract Tenders close for
the supply of 4 Provisions.
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports
of Call and Europe.
3 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama
and San Francisco.
Claims against the Hongkong Photogra-
phic Co. close after this date.

MONDAY, April 3.—
3 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s
Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San
Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Daylight.—Yesso leaves for Coast Ports.

THE HONGKONG DISPENSARY.

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OF
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continuous European Supervision.
Hongkong, June 1, 1876.
The publication of this issue commenced
at 7.40 p.m.

THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MARCH 6, 1877.

THE Reuter's telegram which we publish
in another column has a rather ominous
ring—"Russian steamers will not pro-
ceed to China this season." So far as
we are aware there is no reason why
Russia should not engage as largely in
the China trade this season as in any
previous one; excepting the anticipation
of war. The telegram however must
not be considered as pointing to probable
hostilities with England. The Turkish
men-of-war would no doubt be able to
render themselves exceedingly disagree-
able to any Russian steamers using the
Suez Canal without the aid of England,
should the two former countries come to
blows. The telegram does not afford
much information as to the state of
affairs in Europe at the present time,
but it is at least valuable as indicating
the position of affairs there so late as
the 3rd inst. It shows pretty conclu-
sively that war is not yet averted, and
on the contrary, that it is still feared
in the metropolis. In connection with
this telegram, we may also draw atten-
tion to an extract from the Shanghai
Courier in another column, stating that
the Russian corvette Haidamak, which
has been lying at Shanghai, had just
received a telegram ordering her to
repair to San Francisco, to join the Rus-
sian Pacific squadron. It seems to be
quite clear that Russia is concentrating
her naval forces, and it is scarcely likely
that the whole Pacific fleet would be
kept lying at one port without some
special reason, and there seems to be
none other than anticipated hostilities.
Whatever Russia and Turkey may do,
however, we still hope that England will
steer clear of a war.

SEVERAL cases at the Police Court lately
have shown us how much annoyance, to
say nothing of loss, has been experi-
enced by officers of vessels, when entering
the harbour, by the crowding on board
of Chinamen with yenchants, in some
cases, for relieving the ship of any odd
trifles that may not happen to be placed
under lock and key. It seems, however,
there is another danger to be apprehended
from these troublesome visitors that has
not hitherto been fully appreciated. For
instance, if one of these gentlemen hap-
pens to fall overboard, possibly the chief
mate or one of the other officers may find
himself apprehended on a charge of
attempting to drown him. This, no
doubt, reads very much like a bad joke,
but we have the facts before us that the
Chief Officer of the Tyburnia was charged
a few days ago with assaulting, beat-
ing, and pushing a Chinaman into the
water, when, if European evidence is
worth credence, he was not within
reach of the complainant. The story of
the latter was that he refused to "cum-
shaw" the defendant a jacket, and he
thereupon pushed him off the ship into
the water. The defendant's reply was
that he was in his cabin when the com-
plainant fell into the water, and this
statement was directly supported by the
evidence of the steward of the vessel and
the cook. According to them, the un-
fortunate Chinaman slipped on the cop-
per at the gangway and fell into the
water. The statement of the Chinaman
was entirely unsupported and, in the face
of the evidence, we are bound to come
to the conclusion that he has been guilty
of perjury in its worse form, if there can
be any distinctions in the matter, namely,
with the intention of injuring another
man. That defendant thought he was
pushed into the water by defendant,
whereas he slipped in, we can scarcely
believe, especially in view of the fact
that defendant was not near him at the
time. The Magistrate told the com-
plainant that had his evidence to prove
he had brought the charge maliciously,
he would have punished him. Certain-
ly if there is one thing above all others,
that the Chinese require to have forced
upon them, it is a regard for truth.

THE overrowing abundance of the
State's compassionate regard is diffused
over every part of the imperial domi-
nion, and especially prevails by day and

night in the earnest care that it is be-
stowed upon the welfare of the people.
These are the modest terms in which the
Peking Government is pleased to intro-
duce one of its latest decrees to its ob-
edient subjects. This decree is not less
singular in its contents than in its intro-
duction. As the translator remarks, the
document is remarkable as being the first
spontaneous acknowledgment of the
rights of native professing Christiani-
ty. "Both the general population and
the religious proselytes (民教) are
equally the Sovereign's children," says
the decree, "and no invidious distinc-
tions were at the outset drawn between
them. Let the provincial governments
give orders to all subordinate authorities
that in all disputes which may be
brought forward for judicial settlement,
it is incumbent upon them to deal with
the question in an equitable manner,
distinguishing only between right and
wrong, and not distinguishing between
the general population and the proselytes,
but pronouncing their decisions with due
promptitude. Let not the least approach
to partiality be indulged in, or protracted
delays be interposed, thus involving in
inconvenience the parties on both sides."
Probably the issue of this decree is a
result of the recent persecutions made
on the matter to the Peking Govern-
ment by the foreign representatives in
the country. The Chinese authorities
have probably arrived at a conviction
that outrages on Christians because they
are Christians, may possibly result in
trouble to themselves. It would, we
fear, be too much to hope that their
views in regard to the proselytes have
undergone such a material change as to
give rise to a decree of this kind.

It is so far satisfactory to learn that the
Government have seen fit to reward the
crows of the Junk who saved the sur-
vivors of the *Letty Gale* with a gratuity
of \$50 each. One of the junks is at
present absent, on a fishing expedition;
but the master of the other junk received
his gratuity at the Harbour Master's
Office to-day. It is also believed that a
free home for life will be given to
each of the junk-masters. These
gratuities show the desire of the Govern-
ment to do something, but they hardly
go far enough; and we observe with
pleasure the suggestion made in the
finding of the Court, that some "lasting
memorial," such as a medal from the
Humane Society, should be presented
to the humane junkmen, with the object
of stimulating further efforts in the
saving of human life. It is to be hoped
this sensible suggestion will be carried
into effect.

REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

[SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL."]

(Via Russia.)

LONDON, 3rd March, 1877.

THE CHEFOO CONVENTION.

The Chefoo Convention is not yet
ratified.

RECEPTION OF THE CHINESE EMBASSY
BY HER MAJESTY.

The Chinese Embassy have attended a
levee and [at 5] Drawing-room held by Her
Majesty the Queen.

RUSSIAN STEAMERS NOT TO PROCEED
TO CHINA.

It is announced that Russian Steamers
will not proceed to China this season.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

WE are glad to learn that telegraphic com-
munication with Saigon was re-established
at 6 o'clock this evening.

THE S. S. *Macgregor* brings the welcome
news that the *Ulysses* was safe at Singapore
when she left. The *Ulysses* had been
ashore, but the logs had, probably with
other assistance, managed to get her off
again and tow her into port.

AT Messrs Lane, Crawford's sale of horses
—held near the Fountain, City Hall, yester-
day afternoon—some of the races at the
late Meeting were put up. The *Baby* (Aus-
tralian gelding) was bought in for \$300,
and *Tartar* (Australian gelding) was bought
in for \$270. *Santa Claus* (China pony)
was "knocked down" for \$110, *Hedding*
(Australian gelding) for \$200, and *Drier*
(Australian horse) for \$25.

THE Summary cases before Mr Justice
Snowdon to-day were of a trivial nature.
Captain Laidman of the British barque
Perito was summoned by his chair-groom
Cheung a Chin for \$14.88, being wages at
the rate of 75 cents a day for 33 days. The
plaintiff was a licensed chair-groom and was
engaged at first for a few days at 75 cents
a day, but latterly his chair was employed
by the month and the defendant had
already paid \$10.30 for the 33 days.
Finally, his lordship gave judgment for
\$4.48. The other cases were of no moment.

AN alarm of fire was raised last night about
half-past nine o'clock. The strokes of the
alarm bells at No 8 Station and the
Central Station indicated that the fire was
situated within the district westward of the
Harbour Master's Office. By enquiries,
it was ascertained that the seat of the fire
was from behind the Gas Works, where

some miserable hovels were erected on the
hill-side by the poorer Chinese for their
accommodation. The cause of ignition is
said to have been the manufacture of a
kind of ash used in grinding rice. Several
huts were burnt out before the engines
arrived, although they turned out with
great alacrity. We are glad to note that
the strokes of the alarm were so very dis-
tinctly given, thus allaying much anxiety
to those who remembered that 1 stroke
meant East, 2 strokes Central, and 3
strokes West.

SOME of the evidence given to-day in the
enquiry at the Harbour Master's Office,
regarding the loss of the British barque
Letty Gale, is very interesting as showing
the expedients to which men will resort to
preserve life under extreme circumstances.
The shipwrecked men were totally with-
out water on Pratas Island for three
days, and they contrived to manufac-
ture a rude condenser out of an old
stove and a karandee oil tin. With these
they contrived to produce about one gallon
and a half of tolerable water every 24 hours.
Their great difficulty at first was want of
fire, but fortunately one of the men care-
fully enough happened to have a cartridge
in his pocket and with this and some old
joss paper they surmounted the difficulty,
and soon had the satisfaction of seeing a
cheerful blaze. Having secured these two
inestimable boons, fire and water, they
were enabled to sustain life for 12 days,
although their fare was doubtless none of
the best.

INQUEST.

An Inquest was held this afternoon at
the Seamen's Hospital on Mount Shadwell
on the body of Carl Boer, an armourer
employed at H.M. Naval Yard, who was
found to have cut his throat. The jury
empanelled was composed of Messrs J. F.
Horgan, Wm. Vinton and Wm. Legge.

A Sergeant in the Dock Yard Police,
named Joseph Barnes, was examined.
He deposed to having seen the deceased
behaving in a strange manner during
the night of the 5th, and subsequently
from what he heard, he went to the beach
near the Commissariat, and found that
the deceased had cut his throat. He had
a razor in his hand, and there was a pool
of blood about him. He was not dead
then, and witness ran for medical assistance.
When the doctor came, he was dead.—Wm.
Foulke, a Sergeant in the Naval Yard
Police, was next called.—He knew the
deceased, who was about 40 years of age,
and was a native of Germany. Witness was
about his best friend in the Yard. About
a fortnight ago he told witness that
his wife had been bed-ridden for the
last five months. He asked witness'
opinion whether he could return home by
the *Himalaya*. He said he received the
information from his eldest son. Sun-
day last he told witness that he had heard
that his wife was dead; he did not tell witness
how he came to know of this, although the
witness asked him of it. Yesterday morn-
ing (5th) he came to the witness to be passed
out of the gate to go to the Arsenal. He
looked very pale and witness asked him
what was the matter; he said "nothing,"
but that there was something on his mind
which he could not get off. At 12 o'clock
yesterday (noon) he was lying in his bed.
The deceased had been receiving more
wages than he was entitled to, and a letter
came out by the last mail requiring him to
refund the overpaid sum. The deceased
was always a peculiar man in his habits
and witness would not say he was right in
his head always.

Dr. Charles John Fennell, medical
Officer in charge of the Naval Yard, was
examined.—He knew the deceased, who
was aged about 42 years. He had been
known to be very eccentric and had been
under witness' care for more than once for
bad habits. He had not been so lately.
Early this morning witness was called to
see the deceased and found him in the
lathrine with his throat cut. He was quite
dead. There was a deep incision wound on
the left side of the neck. This was the
cause of death.

The Jury returned a verdict that the
deceased came to his death by cutting his
throat while in a state of temporary in-
sanity.

MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

A Marine Court of Enquiry was held this
morning (6th inst.) at the Harbour Master's
Office to enquire into the loss, abandon-
ment of and damage or casualty to the
British barque *Letty Gale*, Official No.
70 181, Capt. George Hedgecock, on the
11th February 1877, off the N.E. Rocks of
the Pratas Shoal. The following were the
members of the Court.—The Hon. C.
May, 1st Police Magistrate, (President);
H. G. Thomsett, Esq., M.A., Harbour Mas-
ter; E. R. Belliles, Esq., Non-Official
Justice of the Peace; Capt. Robert Mc-
Murdo, Government Marine Surveyor;
and Capt. James F. Belkirk, Master Mes-
santle Marine, of the ship *Sarah Nicholson*.

Capt. George Hedgecock was called and
deposed as follows:—I have been a master
mariner since 1855; I have lost my certi-
ficate at the wreck, and have forgotten the
number. I lost my original certificate
when in command of the ship *Olympia* in
1870. A new certificate was given me, and
I believe the number was different to the
original. I was lately in command of the
barque *Letty Gale*, 473 tons; have been
in command of her since June 1874. We
left loaded at Amoy with a general cargo,

consisting of sugar, tobacco (Japanese) and
other things, bound for London; I do not
know whether the ship or her cargo was
insured or not. I left Amoy with 600 or
700 tons weight of cargo. I had
two chronometers in the ship; they were
corrected in the middle of November by
myself. They were last rated in December
1875 at London. I occasionally had to
alter the rates. I never rated them by an
artificial horizon; the corrections were made
by bearings of land at sea. I last corrected
them on the 10th or 11th December last. I
was then just outside of Nagasaki bound
in; I could not get them rated at Amoy. I
have never had an opportunity to rate
them since leaving Nagasaki. The weather
was cloudy with fresh N.E. breeze when
we left Amoy. After I got clear of Chapel
Island I steered S., S. by W. and S. S. W.

We left Amoy on Thursday the 8th, and on
Saturday the 10th the wind fell and hauled
to the Southward. I have lost all log-books
and papers. I had a crew of 18 all told
—master, mate, boatswain, cook, 6 able-
seamen and 5 apprentices. The mate and
boatswain kept the watches. I have no ex-
act recollection of my lat. and long. at noon
before we struck, but I think we were
4 miles to the northward of the island and in
long. 117° 45' E. by dead reckoning. (On
referring to the chart this was found to be
the lat. 20° 50' N. and the Pratas
Island bearing W. by S. 45° N.). We were
on the port tack. I got a sight on the
afternoon before we struck, and worked the
lat. by dead reckoning and then made my
position for longitude by dead reckoning
30 miles further to the westward. I have
no knowledge of the currents in the China
Sea; I have never been in the China Sea
before. It was a dark dirty night when we
struck. I was on deck at one o'clock; we
did not heave the log at 12 o'clock as they
were just squaring the yards, but I think
she was going about 4 1/2 or 5 knots. I set
the course S. and by W. I intended to go 85
miles to the East of the Pratas. I had a book
on board called the China Pilot by Finlay,
an Admiralty chart of the China Seas, and
I also had some charts published by Emory
on a smaller scale. The first I knew of
the vessel being in the vicinity of the
Shoals was when she struck. I boxed the
yard about when she struck trying to get
her to slow; she struck very lightly at first;
it was about 2 o'clock. She began to bump
more heavily. I sounded the pumps and
found about 2 feet of water in her. The mate
wished the boats lowered; I could not get
the vessel off, as there was too much sea.
I could not lay an anchor out. I had two
boats, a long boat 22 feet long and a jolly
boat 18 feet long. The vessel was on top
of the reef by this time with broken water
all round her. I got the long boat out, and
she was swamped alongside with four men
in her. The men perished in getting the
boats out; I wanted to hold on till daylight,
but they were so urgent to get in the boat
that I told the mate to get the long boat
out; two men got in the boat at first and
they said they wanted two more with them.
The boat was kept alongside by stout
Mandarin ropes. Edward Livingston, Her-
bert Goodwin, Alfred Hodgkin and George
Edward Hedgecock were the four men in
the boat; all were drowned. We then made
three rafts; one broke adrift. The second
one three men got on to and a boy Leonard
Sincere in attempting to reach it was
drowned. Three men got on the third,
and the mate, myself and one man went
in the small boat, and then took the
other six men off the raft and all landed
on the island. There were no vessels
in sight; we landed on the 11th about
8 or 10 o'clock. All the provisions we had
were a few carrots and about 26 lbs. of raw
beef. It was impossible to get anything
over her. We could find no water on the
island. We found a few fish in an inlet
on the 14th, and could only get moisture by
licking the leaves. There was a Joss house
on the island, and we there found a sort
of kettle, and with this and a kerosene oil
tin we constructed a machine to condense
water, with which we managed to make a gal-
lon and a half of water a day. We got fire by
the aid of a cartridge which one of the men
had in his pocket. We caught a little rain
water, and after a little time we managed
to catch some sea birds. We found a small
saman

Mails.

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AND MARSEILLES;

ALSO,
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CALCUTTA.

ON THURSDAY, the 8th March,
1877, at Noon, the Company's
S. S. *TIGRE*, Commandant BRUNET,
with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIES,
and CARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for
the principal places of Europe.

Shipping orders will be granted till noon.
Cargo will be received on board until
4 p.m., Specie and Passengers until 3 p.m.
on the 7th March, 1877. (Parcels are
not to be sent on board; they must be left
at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.

For further particulars, apply at the
Company's Office.

H. DU POUY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877. m08



STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,
Aden, Suva, Malta, Brindisi,
Ancona, Venice, Mediter-
ranean Ports, Southampton
and London;

ALSO,
Bombay, Madras, Calcutta, and
Australia.

THE PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
FRANCOIS, Captain BARRATI, will
leave this on THURSDAY, the 15th March,
at Noon.

For further Particulars, apply to
A. McIVER, Superintendent.

Hongkong, March 2, 1877. m08

U. S. MAIL LINE.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP

COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA
OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND TOUCHING
AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamer *ALASKA*,
will be despatched for San Francisco,
Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 15th
March, 1877, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers,
and Freight for Japan, the United States,
and Europe.

Through Passengers Tickets, and Bills
of Lading are issued for transportation to
Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San
Francisco, to ports in Mexico, Central and
South America, and to New York and
Europe via OVERLAND RAILWAYS.

A Steamer of the Mail Steam S. S. Com-
pany will leave Shanghai, via the Inland Sea
Route, about same date, and make close
connection at Yokohama.

At New York, Passengers have selection
of various lines of Steamers to England,
France and Germany.

Freight will be received on board until
4 p.m. 14th March. Parcel Packages
will be received at the office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

For further information as to Passage
and Freight, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 10, Praya Central.

RUSSELL & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, February 20, 1877. m05

Occidental & Oriental Steam-

Ship Company.

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND
PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED
STATES AND EUROPE,

IN CONNECTION WITH THE
CENTRAL

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UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING
RAILROAD COMPANIES

AND
ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. *"BELGIC"* will be de-
spatched for San Francisco via Yoko-
hama, on MONDAY, the 2nd April,
at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers
for Japan, the United States and Europe.

Connection is made at Yokohama, with
Steamers from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until
4 p.m. of the 1st Proximo. Parcel Packages
will be received at the Office until 5 p.m.
same day; all Parcel Packages should be
marked to address in full; value of same
is required.

Return Passage Tickets available for 6
Months are issued at a reduction of 20 per
cent. on regular rates.

For further information as to Freight
of Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 37, Queen's Road Central.

G. B. EMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, March 3, 1877. m02

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(In English and Chinese.)

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CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

INSURANCES.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE
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HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

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Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance
granted at the rates of Premium current at
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NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FARE.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against the Risk of FIRE on
Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on
Goods in Mats, on Goods on Board
Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Har-
bour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Insurance will be re-
ceived, and transmitted to the Directors
for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on
first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single
Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of pro-
posals or any other information, apply to
ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co.

Agents Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 4, 1867.

ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above
Company, are prepared to grant In-
surance at current rates.

MELOHERS & Co.,

Agents, Royal Insurance Company.

CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY.

(LIMITED.)

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Marine Risks to all parts of the World.
In accordance with the Company's Articles
of Association, Two Thirds of the Profits
are distributed annually to Contributors,
whether Shareholders or not, in proportion
to the net amount of Premiums contributed
by each, the remaining third being carried
to Reserve Fund.

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Hongkong, April 17, 1873.

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COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant
Policies against FIRE to the extent of
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Hongkong, January 1, 1874.

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for the above Company, are prepared to
grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent
of £10,000 on any Building, or
on Merchandise in the same, at the
usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20
per cent.

GILMAN & Co.,

Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1875.

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INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER
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His Majesty King George The First,
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Agents for the above Corporation are
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Hongkong, March 10, 1874.

Intimations.

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